

the Comptroller of the Currency, and other financial institution regulators, after receiving testimony from Jennifer C. Kelly, Deputy Comptroller, Mid-Size and Credit Bank Supervision, John Noonan, former Assistant Deputy Comptroller, Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, and Lester Miller, Examiner-In-Charge (Riggs Bank), all of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Lawrence I. Hebert, Raymond M. Lund, and R. Ashley Lee, all of Riggs Bank, N.A., Washington, D.C.; Andrew P. Swiger, ExxonMobil Production Company, and Steven P. Guidry, Marathon Oil Company, both of Houston, Texas; and Albert J. Marchetti, Amerada Hess Corporation, New York, New York.

PELL GRANT FOR KIDS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the use of Pell Grants for primary school education, focusing on school choice and voucher programs, after receiving testimony from Michael Bell, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami, Florida; Robert G. Smith, Arlington Public Schools, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the American Association of School Administrators, and the Virginia Association of School Superintendents; Catherine Hill, DC Parents for School Choice, Darlene T. Allen, District of Columbia PTA, on behalf of the National PTA, both of Washington, D.C.;

Paul E. Peterson, Harvard University Department of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Ellen B. Goldring, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; Robert C. Enlow, Friedman Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana; and John Kirtley, Alliance for School Choice, Tampa, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

MEDICAL LIABILITY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine medical liability in long-term care, focusing on demographic challenges, home health care, assisted living settings, hospice care, nursing homes, and “quality of life” issues, after receiving testimony from J. Norman Estes, NHS Management, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Theresa Bourdon, Aon Risk Consultants, Columbia, Maryland; David G. Stevenson, Harvard University School of Medicine, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Marshall B. Kapp, Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale; Lawrence M. Cutchin, North Carolina Medical Society, Raleigh; and James E. Lett II, American Medical Directors Association, Carmichael, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4836, 4838–4849; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 474, and H. Res. 719–722, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, (H. Rept. 108–607);

S. 741, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, (H. Rept. 108–608); and

H.R. 3574, to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers, amended, referred sequentially to the House Committee on En-

ergy and Commerce for a period ending not later than July 16, 2004 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(f), rule X. (H. Rept. 108–609, Pt. 1). **Page H5907**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Jean Burch, Senior Pastor, Community Baptist Church in Pasadena, California. **Page H5795**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. **Page H5797**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, July 14:

Expressing the sense of the House in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group at the United Nations: H. Res. 615, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of full membership of

Israel in the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) at the United Nations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay" and one voting "present", Roll No. 377; **Pages H5801–02**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group at the United Nations.

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Deploing the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a majority of the United Nations General Assembly: H. Res. 713, amended, deploring the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a majority of the United Nations General Assembly for a narrow political purpose, the willingness of the International Court of Justice to acquiesce in an effort likely to undermine its reputation and interfere with a resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 361 yeas to 45 nays and 13 "present", Roll No. 378; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: deploring the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a plurality of the United Nations General Assembly for a narrow political purpose.

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Reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act: H. Con. Res. 462, reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 400 yeas to 18 nays and 4 "present", Roll No. 379.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules which were debated on Wednesday, July 14. Further proceedings will occur on Monday, July 19.

Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003: H.R. 1587, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Viet Nam;

Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world: S. Con. Res. 114, concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world; and

Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act: S. 2264, to require a report on the conflict in Uganda.

Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY05: The House passed H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a yeas and nay vote of 365 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 390. **Pages H5826–95**

Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the number of and time limit for debate on amendments to the bill. **Pages H5825–26**

Agreed to:

Garrett amendment that prohibits the use of funds to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 federal employees at any single conference occurring outside the U.S.; **Pages H5857–58**

Kilpatrick amendment (no. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14) that prohibits the use of funds for any contract in contravention of the Small Business Act; **Pages H5861–62**

Schiff amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Government of Turkey in contravention of existing law with respect to the prevention and punishment of genocide; **Pages H5889–91**

Buyer amendment that prohibits the use of funds by any official of the U.S. Government to request the United Nations to assess the validity of elections in the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 161 noes, Roll No. 385); **Pages H5862–66, H5891–92**

Sanders amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. to approve comprehensive guarantee, political risk guarantee, or direct loan to any entity whose application shows that it or its corporate parent is incorporated or chartered in Bermuda, Barbados, the Cayman Islands, Antigua, or Panama (by a recorded vote of 270 yeas to 132 noes, Roll No. 386);

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Nethercutt amendment (no. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13) that limits Economic Support Fund assistance for certain foreign governments that are parties to the International Criminal Court (by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 387); and **Pages H5892–93**

Weiner amendment that prohibits the use of funds for assistance to Saudi Arabia (by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 389).

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Rejected:

Sherman amendment (no. 20 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14) that sought to increase funding for the U.S. Agency for International Development-Child Survival and Health Programs Fund (by a recorded vote of 111 yeas to 312 noes, Roll No. 380); (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment); **Pages H5823–25, H5858–59**

Lantos amendment (no. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14) that sought to increase funding in the Economic Support Fund for Egypt (by a recorded vote of 131 yeas to 287 noes, Roll No. 381); **Pages H5846–52, H5859**

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment (no. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14) that

sought to increase funding for the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Global HIV/AIDs Initiative (by a recorded vote of 133 ayes to 288 noes, Roll No. 382);

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Paul amendment (no. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14) that sought to amend Title II of the bill by striking the item relating to Millennium Challenge Corporation (by a recorded vote of 41 ayes to 379 noes, Roll No. 383); and

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Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to provide that some funds for agricultural development in sub-Saharan Africa be used for small-scale irrigation, crop and livestock diversification, and rural infrastructure (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 388).

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Withdrawn:

Blumenauer amendment (no. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Global Environment Facility;

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Farr amendment (no. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to allow more than 550 U.S. military personnel to be stationed in Colombia, including temporary personnel;

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Otter amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to limit the assistance for the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian people; and

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Deal amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to provide assistance to any country that does not permit extradition to the U.S., for trial or sentencing of individuals suspected of committing criminal offenses.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Section 565 (a)(3) regarding United States agricultural commodities guaranteed under export credit guarantee programs;

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Lee amendment that would have provided that certain funds appropriated for the Global Fund to Fight AIDs, Tuberculosis and Malaria, be designated as an emergency requirement; and

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Lantos amendment (no. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14) that would have increased funding in the Economic Support Fund for Egypt.

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H. Res. 715, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Tabling the Appeal of the ruling of the Chair: The House agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair on unparliamentary words uttered by a

Member during debate on an amendment to H.R. 4818, by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 384.

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Requesting the Senate return to the House the Agriculture Appropriations Act: The House passed H. Res. 719, requesting the Senate return to the House of Representatives the bill H.R. 4766, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 21.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–201).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5795.

Senate Referral: S. 2589 was held at the desk.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5909.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5801–02, H5802–03, H5803–04, H5858–59, H5859, H5860, H5860–61, H5866, H5891–92, H5892, H5892–93, H5893, H5894. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies approved for full Committee action the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005.